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SUBJECT: P.T. BAUD CASE

REFS: A. JAKARTA 2468

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1. PRINCIPAL POINT TO EMERGE FROM DCM'S DISCUSSION WITH KIM ADHYATMAN RE P.T. BAUD CASE (REF A) ON FEB 28, POINT WHICH KIM LATER CONFIRMED WITH MALIK HIMSELF, WAS DENIAL THAT MALIK EVER ADVISED SULLIVAN TO ENGAGE IN THREATENING TACTICS RE P.T. BAUD CLAIM OR INDICATED TO SULLIVAN THAT HE (MALIK) SUPPORTED AMOUNT OF CLAIM BEING MADE BY SULLIVAN. KIM SAID MALIK'S PURPOSE IN CONTACTS WITH SULLIVAN FROM OUTSET WAS TO ENCOURAGE SULLIVAN TO CONTINUE PRESSING GOI FOR FORMAL REPLY, WHICH MALIK FELT LONG OVERDUE. MALIK ALSO FELT, AND SO ADVISED SLLIVAN, THAT SEA OIL ANG GENERAL SEEMED TO HAVE CLAIM WITH VALIDITY BUT, IM EMPHASIZED, MALIK HAD NEVER ENDORSED OR SUPPORTED ANY PARTICULAR FIGURE. KIM SAID ALI WARDHANA'S LETTER TO SULLIVAN OF JANUARY 28, 1975 CONSTITUTES FORMAL GOI REPLY TO SULLIVAN AND STRESSED THAT SUCH REPLY WAS WHAT MALIK ENCOURAGED SULLIVAN TO PRESS FOR.

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2. TO MAKE HIS POSITION ABSOLUTELY CLEAR, MALIK LATER

SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR IN MEETING AT RECEPTION MARCH 1 THAT HE BELIEVED IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO WRITE LETTER TO FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS MAKING CLEAR ESSENCE OF GOI POSITION TOWARD P.T. BAUD CLAIM AND NATURE MALIK'S ADVICE TO SULLIVAN AND REAONS THEREFORE. AMBASSADOR THANKED MALIK FOR SUGGESTION AND SUGGESTED HE DELAY SUCH LETTER UNTIL WE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GET DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS REGARDING APPROPRIATENESS AND USEFULNESS SUCH ACTION. MALIK WILL RETURN TO JAKARTA ABOUT MARCH 15.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED HERE THAT SULLIVAN, BY HIS REFERENCES TO MALIK'S ADVICE COULD CREATE EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR FOREIGN MINISTER. UNLESS DEPARTMENT SEES OBJECTIONS, WE WOULD BE INCLINED SUGGEST TO MALIK ON HIS RETURN THAT HE CLARIFY HIS POSITION IN LETTER TO ROGERS. SUCH LETTER MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE NEW AVENUE FOR ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FROM AMERICAN SIDE.
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